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SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Beutler, we'll review that punctuation carefully to see if that's accurate or not. And you know, Senator Beutler, most people think that the agenda just is an accident. But actually, this bill was strategically placed on the agenda, following those bills of Senator Brashear's, to inject some excitement and some color and also to...some complication, into the discussion that we have on this floor. So I thank you for taking note of that. And with that, colleagues, I would urge you to advance LB 90.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Having heard the closing, the motion is to advance LB 90 to Select File. All those in favor vote yea; all those in favor (sic) vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of LB 90, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you. The bill does advance. The next item.

CLERK: LB 126, by Senator Cudaback. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 10, referred to the General Affairs Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill at this time, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you. Senator Cudaback, you are recognized to open on LB 126.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Madam Chair, members, nobody really wants to bring a bill like this here, least of all me, you know, to raise fees. But when you have to, I guess you have to. It's been about 16 or 17 years. The board thought they could do without raising fees. And so they tried it. It didn't work, as you can see by the sheet that was handed out, the cash flow, where it's going to be. This is something that's for all of us, not just for Jim Cudaback and not just for Senator Mines or Senator Schrock or Senator anybody. This is for all of us. It's for the whole state of Nebraska. What LB 126 does...and I'll try to make this...abbreviate what I'm doing here, and if you have any questions, that will be fine too. LB 126 raises the maximum fees charged by State Electrical Board, and changes other